

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

February 2012 – Week 1

Air Date: January 29 – February 4 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED

FEBRUARY 1959 – THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 3, 1959.

(Radio News Report)

THIS STORY IN FROM CLEAR LAKE, IOWA. THREE OF THE NATIONS TOP ROCK-AND-ROLL SINGING STARS – RICHIE VALENS, J.P. THE BIG BOPPER RICHARDSON AND BUDDY HOLLY, DIED TODAY WITH THEIR PILOT IN THE CRASH OF A CHARTERED PLANE.

BUT ORIGINALLY THE PLANE HAD DIFFERENT PASSENGERS. AT THE LAST MINUTE, THE BIG BOPPER HAD TAKEN THE PLACE OF HOLLY'S NEW BASS PLAYER, A YOUNG TEXAN NAMED WAYLON JENNINGS. AS JENNINGS CLIMBED OUT, HE JOKED WITH HOLLY THAT THE PLANE WOULD CRASH.

WAYLON BECAME A TEXAS MUSIC LEGEND, BUT NEVER GOT OVER HIS GUILT. HE DIED IN 2002.

BUDDY HOLLY'S PLANE CRASHED, WITHOUT WAYLON JENNINGS, 53 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

LEARN MORE AT SAVETEXASHISTORY.ORG OR CALL 800-998-4GLO.

Martin Donell Kohout, "HOLLEY, CHARLES HARDIN [BUDDY HOLLY]," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fhors>), accessed January 19, 2012. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

"Buddy Holly," *Wikipedia* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddy_Holly), accessed January 19, 2012.

TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Save Texas History Program

1-800-998-4GLO | www.savetexashistory.org | www.thisweekintexashistory.org

Texas General Land Office | Communications Division | 512-475-1685